III.—STATEMENT REGARDING THE ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF THE DEPRESSED CLASSES IN THE DEVAKOTTAI SUBDIVISION.

* Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" I have given notice of a motion of adjournment, but my Friend the hon. the Home Member has just told us in answer to a supplementary question to the last question that he is convening a conference of some members of this Council and the Labour Commissioner, so that we might discuss the steps that might be taken to secure the prevention of the recrudescence of similar troubles. Well, Sir, we have to be thankful for small mercies even, and I am grateful to the hon. the Home Member for his assurances. But I must say that it is with a certain amount of reluctance that I do not propose to press the motion for adjournment. This is not the first time we are having this trouble. The trouble occurred last year. This House passed a resolution to appoint a committee of enquiry, which the Government declined to accept and we thought from the assurances of Government given then that the trouble will not occur again. But it has occurred again and in a very severe form. I only hope that the steps we are now going to take will be more effective than the steps taken last year, and such trouble will not occur again."

IV.—ALLEGED DELAY IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS PUT TO GOVERNMENT.

* Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Mr. President, Sir, I wish to bring to your notice the way in which the House is being treated by the Government in respect of certain questions put to them. You may remember, Sir, that on the 24th March last, several questions were not answered on the ground that Government have not had enough time to furnish the answers, and the hon. the Home Member on that occasion suggested that if those questions were repeated, answers would be provided. Accordingly, I repeated some of these questions, questions 181,185 and 186 and notices of these were sent to the Council office on 16th July 1932, but they have not been answered, though four months have now elapsed. I seek your protection, Sir, as the custodian of the privileges of this House, to see that these questions are answered without any further unnecessary delay."

* The hon. the President :—" As far as I am informed, the Government asked for extension of time and the extension of time has perhaps been given. I do not quite remember it. If the hon. Member had only asked me or given previous intimation to me, I would have made further enquiries. Anyhow the Government will be reminded to furnish speedy answers to these questions, if old."

V.—THE ORISSA COMMITTEE REPORT—ELUCIDATION OF CERTAIN INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED ON PREVIOUS DAY AT DIVISION TIME.

Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo :—" I rise to make a statement on the floor of the House with regard to the demand for poll I made last evening in connexion with the amendment of the Raja of Bobbili regarding the Orissa question. My seat is in a corner and at the farthest end of the House, and very likely the President might not